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SPEAKING OUT

viewpoint Nisga'a agreement should be signed expeditiously

by John Copley

Since Christopher Columbus and John Cabot sailed to the shores of what would later become known as Canada, trouble has been pending. Sooner or later the problems had to be fixed. It doesn't take a genius to understand that if you take something that doesn't belong to you, sooner or later you'll have to give it back. Or face the consequences.

When the first settlers ventured to North America's shores and opened the flood gates for those who followed, they had little concern about the original inhabitants of the land, the Indigenous peoples of North America. After all, it was a time in man's history when every little nation in the world thought they were the only ones that mattered. Fleets sailed the globe in search of new territory, new conquests, new riches. It was a time when England sent its crusaders to another land to quell the Muslims; when France was still overcoming Napoleon's defeat and Spain was sending its armies of conquistadors to kill, punish, enslave and assimilate everybody foreign to them.

It's been a long time since those misbegotten days, but they still haven't fallen by the wayside. Man has simply become more sophisticated in the weaponry he uses to attain his goals. We, as Canadians, enjoy a freedom that many can only dream about. But that freedom didn't come about without someone getting hurt. And that someone was the Aboriginal societies that lived here first, a huge population of people who had already laid claim to the land through their very dependence on it to survive.

The land, however, was taken, expropriated, stolen, coerced and sold by the governments of the day. The Indigenous people were killed, jailed, put on reserves, robbed of their children and forced to live under the control of a colonial government. Many of the policies of that day continued until about 40 years ago. In fact, some of the last Indian Residential Schools, a notorious government approved, church-run institution that has faced thousands of accusations and lawsuits over the past few years, just closed their doors in the early 1980s.

Canada's Indigenous communities have met the challenge, have survived despite the attempts to destroy them. They have overcome adversity, adapted to the terrain presented to them, educated themselves and gained a thorough understanding of contemporary arbitration and negotiation. They have fought for their rights through the courts and negotiating tables around the country. Native Awareness is not a new subject and so it is surprising to see editorial comments that include foolish questions, lame suggestions and an inept attempt to stroke Prime Minister Chretien into rethinking the governments' treaty obligation options.

Suggesting that B.C. Premier Glen Clark must be planning "to retire in northern British Columbia," and that that "might explain" Clark's "abruptly" passing the Nisga'a Treaty is insane if not insane. To



suggest that Canadians should be outraged over the Nisga'a Treaty and that "it is time to make this known," sounds like some type of attempt at coercing the public into complaining about something that hasn't really bothered them until now. If it has, the citizens of this country haven't come forward on their own to complain. The only sounds of discontent that these ears have heard comes from the B.C. Liberals, the NDP's biggest political opponent, the Reform Party, who like to complain about anything they haven't initiated and some editorial egos who think that if treaty rights and land claims issues are left to stagnate while every single citizen in Canada is polled for his and her opinion, the whole mess might really just go away.

There's always a lot of talk about the money that will be spent in setting up treaties in B.C. Sometimes the issue is mentioned twice in the same article. But I've yet to find any mention about the findings of a report issued last month by Vancouver-based Grant Thornton Management Consultants. That study shows that B.C. stands to gain billions of dollars through the implementation of treaties.

There has been enough talk on the Nisga'a treaty to fill the pages of a thousand books. Thank goodness the talking is done. Now it's up to Ottawa and Jean Chretien to make this Nisga'a Treaty a reality, to give it some bite. It shouldn't take too long. After all it was just nine short months ago when Mr. Chretien told the nation that he personally believed in the Nisga'a treaty. "It is an obligation of the government," he said, "and it is a constitutional obligation... given to us in 1763 by the King of England. We're a bit late implementing it, don't you think?"

Yes. But in this case a "bit late" is definitely better than never.

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Off-reserve Natives banding together for federal money

by Brian Savage

A decision by the federal government to allocate \$200 million is allotted for on-reserve job training has led off-reserve Native organizations to launch a constitutional challenge to the government process.

The money has been administered by band councils and the program usually runs three years. Currently, off-reserve Natives have no say in getting grant money.

Various groups in Ontario are leading the challenge, such as Niagara Peninsula Aboriginal Area management Board; Mizive Biik, a Native group based in Toronto; the Alliance of Aboriginal Communities which is spread across Ontario and, as an intervener, the Winnipeg Aboriginal Council from Winnipeg.

Chris Reid, a Native lawyer representing many of the groups, told media, "The problem is that none of the political groups represent off-reserve Indians or non-status Indians. They all represent either reserve-based communities or the Métis or Inuit. The government has strictly refused to negotiate agreements with non-status or off-reserve people."

The challenge has now been postponed by Justice François Lemieux.

"It was postponed for many reasons," says Marileen McCormick, spokesperson with the Winnipeg Aboriginal Council. "There were new intervenors, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) and the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) and Justice had reported that Human Resources Development (HRDC) was coming out with a new urban plan. They didn't have the information on that plan at the time so the judge, feeling there was too much information missing, postponed the case."

That was at the end of February. Now, says McCormick, intervenors know HRDC is putting out requests for proposals for the urban programs.

"I know in Ontario they're already approaching the judge to see if they can take it back into court," observes McCormick, noting the concerns that First Nations and Métis have over possible loss of control and management of their own programs.

"Our concern is that as urban Aboriginal people we're not going to be treated in the same manner they're treating the First Nations and the Métis," explains McCormick. "We don't have any problem with the way the federal government is dealing with the AMC and MMF. They have control and management of their own programs. All we're saying is that for urban Aboriginal people we should have that same right."

McCormick sees the main thrust of the challenge as an attack against discrimination.

"It's discrimination against Aboriginal people, specifically First Nations people in the city, that's what the case is based on, not access to services."

The government in a statement, maintains that groups like the Winnipeg Aboriginal Council "have no constitutional right to choose which organizations deliver employment and training programs to Aboriginal peoples or to have the minister negotiate an agreement with them, or a particular organization on their behalf."

McCormick is firm. "Our position is that we'll probably be going back to court. I know our lawyers are meeting to determine how we're going to go about doing this. I know they have already contacted the judge who looked after our case to find out whether or not it was time to go back and I think the judge was also waiting for information from Justice regarding the HRDC program for urban people."

"Once he receives that information then our lawyers will have to be able to tell them why we don't think it's sufficient for us."

McCormick is unsure how the legal delay may impact on the program's projected three-year time span. He also notes that Natives in Manitoba who have relied on the AMC to negotiate programs with the federal government, have now agreed to determine their own programming.

In Ontario there is major mobilization by off-reserve and non-status organizations to ensure information regarding urban programs, says McCormick, including attempts at creating a cross-Canada network of urban Aboriginals. McCormick is hopeful that while there has been "division" in the past between on- and off-reserve Aboriginals, such partitions can be bridged and differences smoothed over with First Nations.

If, in the future, urban Aboriginal groups do gain control of grant funding McCormick is also hopeful that organizations such as the Winnipeg Aboriginal Council would be available to set up and manage programs.

"We have a tripartite agreement with the federal and provincial governments to assist Aboriginal people to have more control and management of their



own resources. That's already in place and we're working with various federal and provincial government departments, and we're doing that in terms of business development programs we've got going."

While the council is working with some government departments, it is of concern to McCormick that other

government branches such as HRDC have little involvement with their organization. McCormick offers a solution to get greater action from the government: "the government tends to recognize the people who have representation at the Ottawa level, maybe that's what the rest of us have to do too."

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B.C. signs Nisga'a deal

by John Copley

After more than 100 hours of debate in the B.C. Legislature the Nisga'a Treaty has been passed. The final tally of votes from the 71 participating MLA's rendered a 39-32 decision in favour of passing the agreement.

"I feel like the weather," said the elated Joe Gossnell, president of the Nisga'a Tribal Council, soon after the April 21 announcement. "The sun is shining, the sky is blue. It's great."

But even though the B.C. government has ratified the treaty, Chief Gossnell is keenly aware that the last endorsement of the first modern day treaty ever negotiated in B.C. must come from Ottawa. From the podium of the Nisga'a Tribal Council's annual convention in Terrace, Chief Gossnell, surrounded by a host of provincial and federal negotiators, including Premier Glen Clark and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gordon Wilson, told the gathering that "today we look to the future with respect to implementing the treaty," but urged Ottawa to finalize the deal in an expeditious manner. "I call on the federal government to ratify the treaty, to uphold the honour of the Crown," he said.

The historical Nisga'a agreement has generated a great deal of controversy since its passing in 1996, including criticism from the federal Reform Party and B.C.'s Liberal opposition. During an April 12 session in the legislature, Premier Clark warned the caucus that if the issue, which he said had already taken far too long, wasn't soon resolved, his government would initiate a step to invoke closure and limit debate. He kept his word. After the recent vote Clark told media that "the length of time [has been] extraordinary and I feel quite strongly.... that it would have taken another several months of filibustering by the Liberals."

Liberal opposition leader Gordon Campbell called the move sinister, saying "this is how the NDP would like the legislature to work: no questions, no answers, no debate, no information and that means no democ-

cracy."

But despite the critics, Joe Gossnell and the entourage of politicians that accompanied him in a lengthy opening ceremony procession, received thunderous applause and a standing ovation from the hundreds who cheered as they made their way to the main stage. Led by several dozen hereditary chiefs and Aboriginal Elders, Chief Gossnell smiled and waved to the crowd, acknowledging his supporters with hand shakes and hugs. Clark too received an outstanding five minute ovation from the gathering as he opened his speech using the language of the Nisga'a Nation. He told the crowd that the years of negotiation and eventual passing of the Nisga'a Treaty was "one of the most significant things our government has ever done."

It was 112 years ago last month when a group of Nisga'a Elders first made their way to Victoria to seek a land claims agreement. They were unsuccessful. British Columbia, unlike many of Canada's other provinces, did not negotiate many treaties with its Aboriginal inhabitants. In fact, since the 18th century, less than a half dozen treaty agreements have been successfully negotiated in B.C. In his speech, Premier Clark told the Nisga'a people that he saluted their patience and perseverance and commended them for a job well done.

Once the Nisga'a Treaty receives Ottawa's endorsement the Nass River Valley residents will take over ownership of nearly 2,000 square kilometres of land. Though the land base represents only a fraction of their former traditional territory, much of it lies in resource rich areas that are expected to help the Nisga'a in their quest to develop long term economic goals and a stable future.

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though the Nisga'a Nation will come under the same justice, human rights and legal mandates as other cities across the country. Court and policing powers will be limited and Nisga'a's Nation community members will see their tax-exempt status disappear over the next 12 years. The First Nation community will also be removed from the Indian Act and will be responsible for funding its own social services, housing and educational facilities.

Ottawa delays treaty signing

Nisga'a Tribal Council President Joseph Gossnell was elated when the Nisga'a Treaty package, signed just two weeks ago in British Columbia, met with a speedy signature from Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Minister (DIAND) Jane Stewart. But his hopes of the treaty's quick passage in the house of commons was quickly dashed when he got word that Ottawa, already with a heavy workload, put hearing the matter in the house off until later this fall. He's concerned that an early election in the province might see another government in power before Ottawa ratifies the deal. A new government would not be forced to live up the obligations of the old, especially if the agreement hasn't cleared the last hurdle—approval in the house.

Chief Gossnell said that the reality of "this possibility concerns me greatly. We would have a major crisis on our hands."

Provincial Aboriginal Affairs Minister Gordon Wilson, is also dismayed at the turn of events. He told media that the time "delay will allow the Reform Party to continue to try to whip up sentiment against this treaty and I think that is most unfortunate. We've had this agreement in principle before the public for more than two years. We've (also) had a very full and exhaustive debate in the legislative assembly in British Columbia."

Chief Gossnell expressed the disappointment of his people with the unexpected delay by Prime Minister Chretien, especially considering "the (earlier) comments made to me by the prime minister," he added.

Indian Affairs Minister Stewart, who has publicly expressed her approval with the Nisga'a Treaty, said it was the unfortunate "timing of provincial ratification" that "does not allow us time to introduce and pass legislation before the summer recess."

Some analysts predict that Ottawa will not wait until fall before passing the treaty, the first one to be successfully negotiated in B.C. in more than a century.

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Native students put on cultural exhibit

by Brian Savage

For the fourth year in a row Grade 9 students from the Plains Indians Cultural Survival Schools (PICSS) will be putting on an exhibition at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary.

In previous years the titles of the exhibition have been *Powwow: Through the Eyes of Native Youth*; *Circle of Honour*; *Native Heroes and Our Heroes Give Us Hope*.

Bonnie McCluskey is the co-ordinator of the PICSS project at the Glenbow.

"I work with a core of about 12 Grade 9 students who come into the museum each Wednesday afternoon," explains McCluskey.

The students start going to the museum in mid-October and go through the different areas of the museum, learning how exhibits are put together, something McCluskey calls "essential" for the students.

"They're taking steps toward the creation of their own exhibition, so we spend time developing their tools, finding out what we want to say, what story we want to tell in the exhibition and the theme of it,

which comes from the students :

This year's title is *Native Youth: From Moccasins to*



Nike. According to McCluskey the students are "looking to the past to find a value system that will guide them in their everyday life as urban Aboriginal teenagers and this involves research on some part of their life they want to know more about."

This may mean doing research on their own family history or a broader look at their own particular tribal history. Some may look at issues of particular importance to them, such as alcoholism or residential schools and how that influences them today.

"They're looking at a very broad range and that's part of what we want to show as well," explains McCluskey. "These students came from various backgrounds (so) that being Native is not a generic term. There's a great deal of diversity of cultures within the classroom and it's going to be brought out."

The exhibition is being designed in such a way to make the viewer think.

"The title suggests certain things as does the whole exhibition," observes McCluskey. "If you listen to a storyteller there are several layers of meaning one derives from a story so it could be a very straightforward lesson or there could be deeper meanings, and that's what this exhibition is about."

Unlike last year's exhibition based on powwows, which McCluskey says was very straightforward, this year's exhibit is "more subtle in its message and requires the audience to go home and think about things."

McCluskey says that while she is there as a facilitator, the exhibition comes very much from the Native students: "It's very much a student led exhibition; I'm here to guide them not to tell them what to do, so the process, however painful it's been for the last five months is all important. Instead of me saying to the students this is what you're doing, I have to draw out their ideas and they have to tell me what it is they want to say: this is Native youth speaking. To give them the opportunities to voice their aspirations and opinions is quite a change for anyone within our educational system so this is a very special opportunity for these students."

This process has taken time to evolve, admits McCluskey and it integrates many aspects of the Grade 9 language arts curriculum.

"They practice their writing skills and presenting skills because they are the ones telling their story to the general public," says McCluskey, adding that each student must also be able to tell what each part of the exhibition they are responsible for and what particular story they are trying to illustrate.

"They have to do research and writing in order to find out what it is they're talking about," explains McCluskey. "I've also encouraged oral history. They can go and talk to people and learn more about themselves; I'm encouraging them to speak to those within their community about their own community."

One student has decided to combine oral history traditions with new technology and is attempting to create a video.

"She's talking about residential schools, looking at the past," says McCluskey, "and she's looking at the present, at PICSS, and why her peers are at PICSS: looking at the past, seeing how it influences the present and going into the future."

McCluskey sees this project as very timely as it deals with teenagers in transition from childhood to adulthood, a movement forward that is implied in the title, from past to present and striving to deal with two worlds, Native and non-Aboriginal.

Murals created and painted by the students reinforce this moving back and forth in time, says McCluskey, and are particularly effective.

The exhibition will run from the end of May till October.

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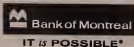
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"The First Nations Language Program," explains program owner, teacher and educational resource director Donna Wapass, "is an interactive tool designed to assist teachers to implement effective First Nation language instruction throughout the curriculum standard framework using computers. It is rich in resources and has easy to use applications that are both concise and user friendly."

The overall program is an integrated, resource-based approach to instruction that aims to develop students' understanding and appreciation of the First

Nations language. The goal is to graduate individuals who can use the First Nations language confidently and effectively to meet life's various intellectual, social and vocational challenges.

"The overall goal of the language learning programs," added Wapass, "encourage enjoyment while developing proficiency in speaking, listening, reading and writing the First Nations languages."

The First Nations language programs currently available include Plains Cree, Swampy Cree, Woodland Cree, Dene and the Northern, Southern, "K" and Manitoba/Todoune Lake dialects. The program is also available in Saulteaux and Ojibway as well as the three Sioux (Dakota, Lakota and Nakota) dialects.

The company adds that all of the languages programs are available in the beginner-level. The program is interactive and motivates the student to learn the language. The most important aspect of the program is that it's user-friendly.

"Virtually anyone can use the program without encountering problems," assured Donna Wapass. "There are many interesting and exciting activities to keep the student interested in the program. The First Nation Language Software CDs," she added, "will be wonderful additions to both homes and classrooms across Canada."

Each program contains the same format which includes the alphabets, numbers, colours, the human body, clothing, a calendar, creatures, foods and a variety of family related material as well as instruction on household objects, story time and common phrases.

"We have been receiving positive feedback on the program from various communities across Canada, the Territories and the United States," said Ms. Wapass. "The requests have poured in for customized programs that will meet the specific needs of these communities."

The program is also available in both IBM and Macintosh formats. This "Network Version" includes a student database where teachers can monitor the progress of students, thus enabling teachers to prepare lessons on areas where students may be experiencing difficulties.

"The Network Version," explained Mr. Igor, "has been successfully installed in some schools within Saskatchewan and the response has been quite positive. The Network Version is available in the Cree, Dene, and Sioux dialects as well as in the Saulteaux and Ojibway languages."

Students are very enthusiastic and showing a lot of interest in First Nations Language Software," says Donna Wapass. "Knowing that their own language is on CD-ROM instils in students a sense of pride. The most amazing part of the program is the pronunciation. Students learn by repeating everything."

To celebrate the First Nation Language Program, OBI Systems will be launching the program at Saskatoon's Centennial Auditorium on July 3, 1999.

"We'd like to invite educators, directors of education and administrators to come out and meet the creators of the program," invited Ms. Wapass. "The software will be presented in the various First Nation languages."

Youth from Saskatchewan's First Nations communities will provide entertainment during the program launch.

The Single User version for each of the language programs costs just \$149.99 plus tax, where applicable. Group and other fee schedules are available on request.

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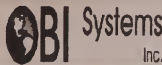
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Saluting Elders

Métis Elder a lady of distinction

by John Copley

One of Alberta's most prominent Métis Elders received an accolade from her peers and her home community last week when she was presented with the 1999 Distinguished Citizen Award in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

"I was overwhelmed. It is definitely one of the most memorable events of my life," remarked 78 year old, Alvina Strasbourg, the day after receiving the honour. "The award means a great deal to me and attests to the fact that if one puts a mind to it, anything is possible."

When Alvina Strasbourg's name was brought to the table for consideration during a late April meeting of the Keyano College Board of Governors, the vote was unanimous.

"Alvina is most deserving of the honour," remarked Keyano Board Chair Kjersti Powell. "She came from humble beginnings and has been a long-term contributor to the betterment of the community. She has, and continues to be, a strong advocate for her people."

Born in Owl River, Alberta, on June 10, 1921, Alvina Strasbourg has a history that goes back a long way. Her ancestors were French, English and Scottish and some were the North American Indians who welcomed these travellers and traded with them. Alvina's mother was French, Scottish and Cree; her father, French and Cree. Included among her ancestors are names like Cardinal, Laboucane and Descheneaux. Her parents, Patrice William Laboucane and Philomene Agatha Cardinal, were married at the Lac La Biche Mission in 1916.

"It's often been a long, hard road," Alvina told *Alberta Native News* during a recent interview. "Nothing is accomplished in life without some effort, some determination and a lot of caring."

Humble beginnings are the words that understate the hardships faced by Alvina as she was growing up in northern Alberta. You can get the whole picture, and some added insight into life, by reading the pages of her latest accomplishment, her book *Memories of A Métis Woman: Jack McMurray Yesterday and Today*. Among other things you will learn that Alvina looked after chickens, built a log cabin, killed a threatening bear with a lucky shot from a .22 rifle, cleaned coyote, fox, weasel and mink on the trapline one winter and survived a whole year with money she made from selling the muskrat furs she was forced to trap because her husband failed to leave her enough money for food.

"Not much can be accomplished from the cushions of a soft couch," she chuckled. "To make a difference I think one has to be willing to make the extra effort. Nothing comes without hard work and that is something that each of us, in his and her own way, can do if we have a mind to."

Alvina has devoted a great deal of her life to the people of the Fort McMurray region but says she never dreamed of receiving the honour recently bestowed on her.

"I never thought I'd be in that category," she said. "I've sat on boards including the Keyano Board of Governors, but I've always been a grassroots type of person."



I thought that only the well educated professionals could qualify for such a distinction."

Ironically, it is not overcoming adversity or suffering through the torment of a thoroughly bad first marriage that instills the most pride in Alvina. Instead, she says she's more proud of the workers she found jobs for back in 1975 when the Syncrude project was under construction.

"Some of them are still there," she said. "In those days it was tough to get a job, even at Syncrude. Today they recognize the importance of the Aboriginal workers and the jobs they do. They still hire a fair percentage of Native employees and I'm proud that I had something to do with it. Syncrude can be proud too like I said, they've come a long way in a short time."

Alvina's commitment to the betterment of Aboriginal people has been ongoing since the mid-1970's. In 1977 she founded the Native Women's Pre-employment Training Program, an endeavour that continues to operate successfully at Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton. In 1978 and 1979 she was an employment recruiter at Syncrude Canada. As a director with the Métis Nation Board from 1987 to 1990, Alvina worked with the Pathways Program, directing and guiding the younger generation toward a better future. From 1989 to 1991 she served as president of the Athabasca Native Development Corporation. Following her 3-year term (1989-1991) as a member of the Keyano College Board of Governors, Alvina was named president of the Native Employment Association of Alberta, a position she maintained until her retirement in 1997. With never a dull moment to spare, Alvina Strasbourg also participated as co-chair of the Region 10 Steering Committee for the Commissioner of Services for Children and Families.

"I've had a good life and a meaningful one," remarked Alvina shortly after receiving her Distinguished Citizen award. "I remember the fun I had at Keyano College. I still retain my old friendships and I believe in my heart that I did help a lot of people, though I never really expected any credit for it."

Alvina Strasbourg's name will appear on the college's permanent plaque honouring Keyano's distinguished citizens. She says she still has lots of time to cherish it.

"God has been good to me," she said in closing. "He has given me good health and today I almost feel young again."

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Tribute to grandmothers and mothers

by Lorna Born With A Tooth, Peigan First Nation

I would like to take you on my journey from being a young child wishing I had a grandmother to being a grandmother. I am a mother and grandmother, and I honour the roles of both and try to be the best of both. As a young child growing up in a First Nations community I had family, friends and lots of cousins. The one thing that I wished for the most was to have my very own grandmother. Someone I could visit with and share my thoughts, happiness and fears. I was one of the few girls that had a mom, dad and grandfather growing up from infant to childhood. Tragically, my father passed away suddenly in a car accident when I was ten years old, leaving my mother to raise the remaining six children and one grandson to raise on her own. I had only my mother, who is my role model and hero, and my grandpa to teach me my traditions, values and customs. It was mainly my mother who was my teacher as my grandpa had a huge family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, so it was very hard to have him all to yourself.

As a little girl growing up I envied some of my friends who had their very own grandmother, that is when I would feel left out and sad. I never nor would I ever know what the feeling was to be all excited because grandma was coming to sleep at your house. Being the youngest girl in a family of thirteen, I had the golden opportunity of spending the majority of my life with my mother until her passing. Mom gave us her unconditional love and devotion to each and everyone of her children. She would patiently sit down with us for hours teaching and sharing stories of the "Old Ways". Whenever there was a bend in the road or a mountain that I could not climb, I knew that I could go to my mother and she would be there to take me through and make sure that everything was going to be alright.

What I admired about my mother the most, was the strong voice that she carried through her walk in life. I really don't think that my mother was aware of the phrase "you must walk your talk" although she lived it from day to day. Everything she taught me, whatever advice she gave me, with her courage and her strength, she lived it and breathed every day. As I was nearing my adulthood, it was without a doubt in my mind that I would be the best "mom" there ever was because I had the best teacher in the whole world, my mother—*Mary Jane Born With A Tooth*, September 8, 1916 - January 23, 1986.

For my first born, I was blessed with two beautiful twin boys, both healthy, strong and adorable. I clearly remember the day my mom came to see me in the hospital, with her chin resting in her hand, shaking her head in disbelief as there had never been a set of twins born in our family. The first words she said to me "Grandma is going to help you raise your sons, my grandsons." All the fears, worries and anticipation that I had left my mind. I knew then that we were

going to be alright. Three years later, I had my first beautiful little girl with rich black hair. I was so proud to bring this tiny female into this world. By then, I had just started my journey as a single parent. Before her birth, the father abandoned his twin sons and never had the honour of knowing his only daughter. They would not hear or see their dad until the boys were sixteen and my daughter was thirteen. I was their father and their mother, but best of all my mom was my partner in raising my three children. Even though I lived in a big city and my mother lived back home, I made it a point to visit every month and we spent every Christmas of her life together until she passed on.

When she decided to make her visit to the city, I would tell my kids, "Grandma is coming to stay for a few days." The excitement and joy was hard to contain in our apartment. I would only have to tell them once to clean up their rooms, they would be busy as beavers

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until the job was done. The minute my mother walked through our doorway, she would bring in rays of sunshine, laughter and happiness. It was the same

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when the kids and I would go visit at her home; it was the most peaceful and safest place to be, sleeping with her in her bedroom. She would tuck the kids in little home-made beds on the floor next to her with me nearby. The last thing that the kids would hear at night and the first thing in the morning they would hear was Grandma praying to the Great Spirit. She taught them to look up to the Creator in the morning and at night and give thanks for everything we had and for everyone, she would always include a special prayer for the kids in other lands that had no food.

Mom never complained or showed her pains or sickness, she would go about her daily chores with a smile and telling stories about her life as a child. I was about to have my fourth child when my mother unexpectedly passed away during a routine stay in the hospital. It caused all our families the deepest pain, grief and a tremendous loss. Never had I expected to go on with life without my mom or a grandma for my children. How was I going to cope and continue to raise my sons aged ten and a daughter aged seven, alone? After the funeral, I moved into my mother's home and one night, deep in despair and loneliness, it was like I heard my mother's voice, "Don't cry, I'll always be with you through the prayers that I prayed and the teachings I have taught you, you're not alone." Three months later I gave birth to my fourth child, a beautiful brown sugar baby girl with the blackest hair. I named her "Mary Jane," for myself it was like mom was with us again. What a special blessing and comfort she was to my little family.

Years later my children were older and we were together on Christmas Eve. I said to them, "my wish, is that I will have a grandchild under that tree next Christmas." Wishes do come true! For me, it was in a very big way. I had three beautiful grandsons under the tree the following Christmas. Each of my older kids had a son in the same year, almost a month apart. It was then that I panicked and cried, "I don't know how to be a grandmother, I never had a grandmother. How am I going to do it?" Looking at each of my grandsons for the first time is a moment I will never forget. The miracle of having part of you continue on to a second generation is a powerful emotion that I cannot describe. Words will never be able to justify the feeling of what it's like to become a grandmother. As months went by, I worried that I wasn't doing my duty to the fullest, I bought long skirts and sweaters (to look like a grandma), learned to make fry bread and made a point of having my grandsons over every Sunday for dinner. Life was moving very fast; I was a full time employee, mother and grandmother. It is the greatest honour to hold such a prestigious title, a grandmother, that is the ultimate gift your son or



daughter will ever give you in life.

I should have learned my lesson about making wishes, but I didn't. I wanted a little granddaughter and again my wish came in a big way. I was blessed with a handsome and strong grandson and three months later I finally had my very own tiny granddaughter, both born last year. Now at forty-three, I am a very proud grandmother of five healthy, strong and adorable grandchildren. A few months ago I had the privilege of hearing my older grandsons call me "Gwamma," that word was music to my ears.

I never had a grandmother to follow after to show me how to raise my grandchildren. I had a mother who I watched and followed, by being the best grandmother to my children. The panic feeling is gone now and I look forward to the hours and minutes when my grandchildren will walk through my door to stay with grandma for a few days. When I am unsure or need more confidence in my role as a grandmother, I look back to the footprints that my mother left in her journey in life. I know that everything is going to be just fine!

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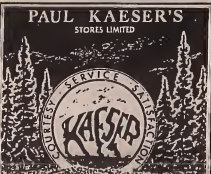
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Salute to the North

Quebec Cree seek hunting, fishing access in Nunavut

by John Copley

Canada's newest territory has only been a part of confederation since the first of April but is already facing its first challenge, ironically, from the Quebec Cree, who say part of the new Nunavut Territory falls within their traditional hunting and fishing grounds. And while the Quebec Cree are seeking the rights to pursue their livelihood in their traditional areas, the Quebec government is also making a bid to have some of the land returned to the province.

During a recent trip to Nunavut's Charlton Island (located in James Bay) Cree land claim negotiator Ted Moses spoke to trappers about the concerns of the James Bay Cree, who live along the territorial boundaries of Quebec and Nunavut. Arriving on the same plane, and speaking to the same people, was Bloc Quebecois M.P. Claude Bachand. He wants the small group of islands returned to Quebec.

With the thought that 'two heads are better than one,' Moses and Bachand have linked themselves in an unlikely partnership, albeit one that seeks similar consequences.

"I think," Bachand told media, "that right now we have a common front with the Cree against the federal government, which is very unusual in the history of Quebec and Canada."

Ted Moses, who refrained from calling the twosome a partnership, told the same gathering that though Quebec is trying to help the Cree in their quest to retain use of the land, he wouldn't be willing to give it (land) up just yet.

"That's a matter to be negotiated," he told media. "It's too soon to make a concession without knowing what we're getting in return."

Though Quebec is known to refer to some of the small islands that dot the coastal waters in the northern part of the province as their own, the fact is that until the recent development of Nunavut as a Canadian territory, the islands were formerly a part of the Northwest Territories. During that time, the islands were also claimed by the James Bay Cree, who have always considered the remote islands and surrounding areas as traditional lands.

A spokesman for the James Bay Cree, Brian Craik, recently told media that the First Nation group will seek "a declaration of the court saying the Cree's rights (will be) protected from any action by Nunavut in those islands and in the water areas offshore until there is a negotiated settlement on how those rights would be recognized by Canada."

Before the island group in question came under the governance of Nunavut, talks had been taking place between Ottawa and the James Bay Cree. Those



talks, which were suspended shortly after the Cree filed an application with the supreme court, have also been the subject of recent debate. Craik says the feds broke off the talks; Ottawa says they've simply been suspended, pending legal advice.

Richard Mongeau, the government's head negotiator in the matter, blamed the break in talks on the Cree, saying that once the court action was filed, there was little choice but to await legal advice. He's also asked the Department of Justice to study the court documents and to determine whether or not the matter could return to the negotiating tables.

"That's my next step," Mongeau told reporters. "But the next step could well be a decision by the Grand Council of the Cree that they will desist from their application to give negotiation a chance. That's my sincere and deep hope."

When the Inuit first began processing their land claim, the end result of which was the forming of Nunavut, they did not include the islands in their proposal—though the 1993 federal legislation responsible for creating the Nunavut Territory did. As a result, some Quebec Cree leaders are predicting even more red tape before the issue is resolved.

Billy Diamond, a well known and respected chief and a member of Quebec's Waskaganish First Nation, was the Grand Chief of the Cree when the James Bay Agreement was negotiated in 1975. He says it will prove more difficult to have access to the land restored now that it has fallen under Nunavut's jurisdiction.

"They're going to be assimilated right into the Inuit territory," he said, "but we've always used them—and they belong to our territory."

Mr. Bachand is calling on the federal government to transfer the lands to Quebec with an eye to adding them to the James Bay Agreement.

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Sechelt treaty agreement a first for BCTC

by Ennis Morris

British Columbia's Sechelt First Nation has ratified a January 26, 1999 treaty draft presented by both the provincial and federal governments and Sechelt Chief Garry Feshchuk. The new treaty, except for a few minor changes, is a carbon copy of the original draft and will soon provide the 900-plus members of the Sunshine Coast community with \$42 million in cash, title to the land they currently occupy, 645

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hectares of urban property adjacent to the Band's current landbase and 288 additional hectares of rural land.

The treaty continues to recognize the Sechelt Nation as a self-governing body just as it has since 1986, when the small but progressive community became the first First Nation in the province to practise self-government and self-determination. The new agreement could take up to two years to finalize, though it could come into effect as early as this year.

The Sechelt First Nation treaty isn't the first treaty agreement ever signed in the province but it does mark the first time the B.C. Treaty Commission (BCTC) has been involved. The Nisga'a negotiations were initiated before the Treaty Commission's 1986 start up date. Nearly four dozen land claim agreements are currently in various stages of development and negotiation throughout the province.

Sechelt Mayor Don Milne called the agreement a

huge "mega-project" for his community and predicted that the Sechelt bonanza would help generate growth throughout the community.

"We're talking a level of mega-project that won't happen anywhere else," he told visiting media. "These are local people who are not going to be moving anywhere from the Sunshine Coast."

As part of the recent deal the Sechelt First Nation will own and control the resources of the land, including timber and sub-soil content. An additional \$1.5 million package will be included by the federal government for economic development.

Negotiation is a matter of give and take and to complete the treaty, the Sechelt have agreed to discontinue and/or not reinitiate any further claims to gain land or financial compensation from government. The First Nation community will also give up its tax-exempt status, a move that will be implemented over the next 12 years.

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NITA to host AFN Nexxus '99 conference in July

by John Copley

Two of North America's biggest Aboriginal organizations will meet for the first time ever this summer as they gather in Vancouver to participate in AFN Nexxus '99, a three day conference that will explore issues including human rights and the development of culture, business and trade.

Canada's Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and America's National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will co-host the Native Investment and Trade Association's (NITA) biggest conference of the year from July 21st to July 23rd. The AFN represents 633 First Nations communities while the NCAI, the major national tribal governmental organization in the United States, represents over 250 member tribes from across the country. The event, which is expected to attract more than 5,000 delegates, will be held at Vancouver's Convention and Exhibition Centre.

NITA president Calvin Helin, calls AFN Nexxus '99 an unprecedented opportunity to access Indigenous entrepreneurs and markets, all under one roof.

That's because AFN Nexxus '99 offers more than the normal conference fare. Running in conjunction with the business sessions will be a special AFN/NITA hosted trade show that is expected to be the biggest ever held in Canada. The trade show begins on July 19, two days before the business sessions get underway, and concludes on July 23.

"This is certainly one of the largest business events ever to occur in the North American indigenous world," added Mr. Helin. "We are looking forward to the dynamic interaction and excitement that is being generated by this high profile event."

The business session of the conference begins at 8:30 each morning and concludes just after the noon hour. The exhibitors will display their wares each day from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

"We are expecting more than 300 exhibitors," explained NITA General Manager Alan Milbank, during a recent conversation with *Alberta Native News*. "The exhibitors," he added, "will represent various industries, including financial, professional, resource, manufacturing, goods and services and arts and crafts. This conference will afford each of them the opportunity to do business with the huge number of delegates in attendance, the western Canadian business community and the significant amount of foot traffic" that this ground-breaking event is expected to generate.



NITA, which now makes its home on British Columbia's Squamish First Nation, is one of Canada's leading conference organizers. Best known for the fine work it does in promoting Native entrepreneurship and self-sufficiency through positive conference programs, NITA attracts quality participants to all of its annual events.

The objectives of the upcoming AFN Nexxus '99 conference will include exploring the exciting new opportunities for inter-Aboriginal trade, discussing collective economic development strategies, exploring possible co-operative alliances and examining the potential for business and trade.

The trade show objectives include showcasing the many Aboriginal products and services now available across North America. Exhibitors will share information on markets, trends and issues and exchange valuable up-to-the-minute marketing and export advice.

"The conference will also create an ideal opportunity for entrepreneurs to form new partnerships and strategic alliances," said Alan Milbank, adding that those who attend "can also benefit by taking advantage of the many networking opportunities that will present themselves" during the event.

Opening day brings a list of exciting speakers from across the continent who will address subjects that include Indigenous trade in the next millennium and exporting goods and services from Canada. Also on the agenda are members of the World Indigenous Business and Trade Council who will concentrate on the topic, Promoting Inter-Indigenous Business and Trade Globally. Speakers include NITA president, Calvin Helin and National Aboriginal Business Association president, Dave Tuccaro. Other keynote addresses are expected to come from the Mayor, Exporters Council, Aboriginal Business Canada and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Also invited to attend and speak are Canada's Minister of Trade Lloyd Axworthy, Indian Affairs Minister Jane Stewart and Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

During the three day event participants will not only have the opportunity to listen to the speakers, but to ask questions as well. A question and answer period has been slated at the end of each topic area.

Day two will include the topics: Financing Indigenous Business in the New Millennium; Creating Solutions to Financing Indigenous Lands and Developing Natural Resources on Indigenous Lands.

The topics chosen for day three of the conference will include one that delves into creating wealth together with non-Indigenous partners. Another topic will zero in on building small businesses and yet another will look at the impact of gaming in Indigenous communities.

More information on AFN Nexxus '99 can be obtained by calling NITA's head offices at (604) 925-6677. Call toll free 1-888-684-0081. Or write to NITA at their new address, Suite 108, 100 Port Royal, West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1A2.

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Natives demand accountability from their chiefs and leaders

by Brian Savage

Spokesperson Leona Freed of the First Nations Accountability Coalition (FNAC) recently met with the Senate in Ottawa to discuss the concerns of the grassroots organization.

The picture painted by Freed is not pretty: corrupt leadership, fraud, financial mismanagement, harassment of dissenters, and a Department of Indian Affairs that will only deal with the Native leadership which FNAC sees as a major part of the problem.

After appearing at the Senate Freed is now busy organizing a national meeting of the FNAC chapters and hopes that the Senators will attend.

"I think I shocked them," says Freed, who called her presentation and language "very strong" and "blunt". The FNAC opposes Native self-government at this time, which has sparked sharp words from Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Phil Fontaine, who told media "That suggestion that we're not ready for self-government plays into the hands of people who wish to continue to discriminate against us."

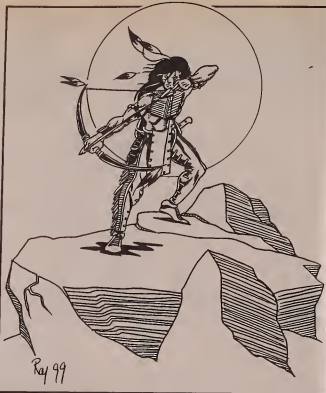
Freed dismisses such charges as efforts to discredit critics and maintains that Chief Fontaine needs to listen to people at band level.

In an effort to get more accountability on reserves Freed has proposed an ombudsman be appointed for each province so Natives with a complaint can get their concerns aired. Presently out of 585 reserves, 167 are under direct financial management from the government, with debts of over \$139 million. Fifteen reserves have had managers appointed and 27 are in comanagement.

The auditor general, Denis Desautels, has condemned the government for failing to implement accountability towards the vast sums of money given to the Department of Indian Affairs and criticizes further department officials for failing to investigate allegations of corruption on more than 100 reserves.

"The department is not taking adequate steps to ensure that allegations of wrongdoing, including complaints and disputes related to funding arrangements, are appropriately resolved. Redress needs to be improved as an element of accountability," wrote Desautels.

An ombudsman must be appointed by the people, says Freed, to ensure



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A major problem on the reserves is financial dependence for Native families, says Freed, who argues that if the government raised treaty money from \$5 to \$5000 "it would eliminate welfare for all status Indians across Canada, and would not put us at the mercy of the chiefs and band council." Freed says government plans for the future include giving set sums of money to reserves for a five-year period. She fears that many reserves will use up their money and force a crisis on band members. Freed predicts skyrocketing suicide and crime rates as a result.

Freed points out that the Canadian taxpayer is on the hook twice, once for taxes that go to the government and Indian Affairs which doles out money to reserves based on population, and again in social assistance given to the ever-increasing number of Natives who flee the reserves for the city in an attempt to make a better life for themselves, only to end up on social assistance.

"If we could raise the amount to \$5000 paid in equal amounts over 12 months, this would be the start of dismantling Indian Affairs," says Freed, passionately. "We could save the taxpayers a huge amount of money because the reserves inflate the population numbers. The same people they're claiming federal money for are living elsewhere, in the cities, and getting social assistance. The taxpayers are getting hit twice with the burden of responsibility for these people. If we could get this implemented we could actually save a lot of money. Our people won't be at the mercy of the chiefs and councils when self-government comes."

"It's the Aboriginal leaders who are oppressing and depressing our people. We're trying to fall back on our culture and ways and that's gone. We, as Aboriginal people, have no culture any more; our culture now is one of dependency, hopelessness and despair. Most of the reserves depend solely on federal money for funding and this has to stop."

"Aboriginal leaders should be doing something to make our people more self-sufficient," charges Freed. "They get more than a sufficient money to survive on, but it's the leaders who are taking this money and pocketing it; that's why our people are living in Third World conditions."



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Applying for a lean does not have to be a bad dream

by Jim Richardson

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Applying for a business loan requires a good understanding about what banks want. You just can't walk in and demand a loan, but getting a loan does not have to be a bad dream. The first step is to have a good understanding of the business you are in. Whether you are starting a new business or expanding an existing business it is important to know a number of basic things, like who your customers are, what you have to offer them, who your competitors are, what your costs are, how you will generate sales and how much revenue you will receive.

It is important to prepare a proposal and sell it to those whose assistance you will require. Banks and other financial institutions are interested in knowing how much money you need and how you will repay it. If you are starting a business you can best sell your idea to lenders by placing all of the details about your business into a business plan. Your business plan is a map that clearly lays out the journey your business will take to be successful. It is not uncommon to have a consultant help with a business plan but it is important that you understand every detail of the business plan. It is easier to convince others that a business will generate enough revenue to cover all expenses including repayment of all debt if you believe it yourself.

In doing due diligence or investigating the merits of a loan application a bank will assess such things as management, equity, earnings and security. An assessment of management will look at key factors such as the various skills required to successfully manage



a business and a check of the borrower's credit history and personal background to assess their honesty and reliability to pay credit debts. If you lack experience and training in skills required to successfully manage a business, the risk of failure is higher. A bank will want to see this shortfall addressed. The earnings projections of a business are analysed to determine how much debt a borrower can comfortably manage. Income projections are analysed and other factors, like legal obligations, which could interfere in repayment, are looked into. Banks are also interested in the

current available assets of the borrower, such as savings, real estate or investments that could be used to repay debt.

Banks are interested in the equity or personal investment that you have to put into the business. You can't expect to finance your business with everybody else's money. The basic principle is that the higher amount you have invested the more committed you are to seeing the business succeed. Equity is viewed as a measurement of the level of commitment you have to your business proposal. Some banks like to see a minimum debt to equity ratio. A ratio of 4 to 1 means that if you are asking to borrow \$100,000 your personal investment should be around \$25,000. If you are to expect some flexibility on the amount of personal investment required, you would have to show other aspects of commitment such as past successes, that allow a lender to further assess your capabilities.

Despite all of your efforts a bank may still say no. When banks say no, make another appointment with the account manager. The objective should be to gather as much information as you can to prepare for the next time that you ask a bank or someone else for financing. You should ask the following questions: What weaknesses need to be addressed and strengthened for the next loan proposal? Can conditions or specific benchmarks change the account manager's mind about the loan application? What factors about the business were not acceptable (This could include things like management, location, over ambitious revenue projections, capitalization and the industry)? Was the loan turned down because of the lender's policy? (Lenders often avoid particular loans because of bad experience in financing certain types of businesses) and; Can the lender make recommendations about where else to apply?

Understanding what banks look for in a loan application will lead to a more productive meeting. Your confidence in yourself and your business proposal will be greater and you will realize a greater chance of success in obtaining a loan and launching your business ventures.

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Natives vs. environmentalists —Cheviot takes new twist

by Brian Savage

The Cheviot Mine, given the stamp of approval by the federal government, has been overturned by Federal court of Canada Justice Douglas Campbell.

Luscar, the company which owns the Cardinal River Coal Co., the main proponent behind the mine, may take the decision to the Federal Court of Appeal.

Environmentalists have hailed the decision as precedent setting in that it sets out legal outlines for the fulfillment of requirements in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. All impacts in the proposed development area must be reviewed and considered; Justice Douglas stated that the current panel had failed to do that.

The Cheviot Mine as proposed would be on the outskirts of Jasper National Park and would be 23 km long, three km wide and would cost \$250 million.

The Smallboy Camp claims traditional land in the area and Buff Parry, spokesperson for the camp, expressed both relief and concern about where the recent court ruling may take the Native group. Parry was surprised that the camp was still involved in the lawsuit brought by the environmentalists. Along with Treaty 8, the Smallboy Camp had originally been listed as intervenors on behalf of the environmentalists' case. However, legal problems had prompted Native groups to withdraw official support. Parry noted that he had been called before the judge to explain why the Native groups had pulled out but at the same time briefs prepared by Parry and Jim Badger were still being used by the environmentalists.

Though the case may still be appealed, the Smallboy Camp has its own legal concerns.

"The camp's claim remains filed in federal court and what occurs of it remains to be determined," says Parry. "There is a huge amount of money needed to fight this through the courts and we're not with the environmental coalition any more so we can't use that as a vector."

"The camp is sticking to its original principles and I think there's going to be a lot of difficulty with environmentalists down the road no matter how we look at this."

According to Parry the camp is concerned by the determined stance taken by such environmentalists as Sam Gunch of Canadian Parks and Wilderness (CPAWS) who advocate the creation of a new park on the site of the Cheviot Mine by expanding the Whitehorse Wildland Park.

"Sam Gunch has stated to me that if they get their park, which includes the camp-claimed territory, they're going to insist that all ATVs and snowmobiles be prohibited."

"The camp has always been opposed to ATVs and snowmobiles out there in general, but in specific, the camp has used minimally an ATV or two and a snowmobile or two in their traditional territory. Are the environmentalists going to exclude the people that have been there all this time?"

"Be assured," warns Parry, "this is going to be a huge problem in this province. Delgamuukw is going to have an incredible bearing on Indigenous activities in this province."

"There has to be some exception made somehow for traditional land use that employs some modern technology now and then. We all want to see natural law prevail and people live out there within those terms of natural law, the resource extraction companies don't."



"To have environmentalists come along and call the shots for the activities of Native people is not going to wash in the future. As Delgamuukw and other issues come up in court, people are probably going to gain more control of the land they're on and the traditional land they have used. How is the environmentalist thrust going to work in the midst of all that? These people have hunted and trapped and gathered in a manner that minimally employs modern technology. What happens when we get all these new parks and all of these interest groups say "those Indians get to do it", how's that going to look?"

Parry calls the verbal sparring with Gunch "a real slap in the face" and adds that Natives and environmentalists "should be in the same place" and deplores the "pettiness" he sees surrounding some groups and their issues which call for restrictions that will damage the survivability of the camp.

"These are the same people who begged us to become intervenors in their case because they needed more documents to be entered into the court record and they couldn't do it because they were too late," notes Parry.

He says the latest turn of events with the environmentalists have left him bitter and angry. "This is all really disturbing and incredible to me that this much pettiness can end up producing this much division. I can't see Natives and environmentalists working together very closely in the future here."

By not taking into consideration Native concerns, environmentalists may have done serious damage to their reputation with First Nations contends Parry.

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The Healing Journey

Gov't refuses to help fund AIDS conference

by John Copley

In 1990, Ken Ward, an outspoken and respected Native activist and member of Alberta's Enoch First Nation, became the first Aboriginal in Canada to openly admit that he had contracted the HIV virus. Since that time Ward has been actively involved in HIV and AIDS awareness programs throughout Alberta and beyond. His influence has been immeasurable in the AIDS community and his programs and workshops have been well received by those attending them. But today he is uncertain about the government's commitment to bring more HIV-AIDS awareness campaigns into the community. That's because he was recently turned down when seeking funds to help launch an AIDS conference directed towards informing Aboriginal people about the deadly virus.

"It's a very big disappointment," Ward told Edmonton media during a recent press statement. Surprised that Alberta Health "did not kick in (some cash)," Ward said he was "offended by that, as were our Elders." Ward sought the funds to help offset the cost of Alberta's first health conference designed to bring Native people up-to-date on the AIDS situation, a subject that seldom makes front page news anymore.

In 1989, Native Albertan Ken Ward contracted the HIV virus after sharing a needle with another drug addict. Since that time Ward has kicked his drug habit and life has taken on a new meaning. A well known public speaker and activist in the fight against drug addiction, suicide and the spread of the HIV/AIDS virus, Ward often takes his words of wisdom on the road, educating individuals and communities throughout western Canada about the dreaded disease. Ward is also an avid poetry writer and public speaker and co-founder of the Feather of Hope Society, an Edmonton based organization dedicated to educating and assisting HIV afflicted Natives.

Ward's workshops are known to provide participants with added insight into the suffering that is part of HIV/AIDS. In previous conversations with Edmonton media, Ward has expressed his concern about the AIDS epidemic he says is now spreading quickly throughout the Native communities across Canada.

"The rate of HIV and AIDS is as high as five percent in the prison population," he said. "That's ten times the rate in normal society and the numbers have doubled since 1994."

The recent turn-down for funds, says Alberta Health spokesperson, Garth Norris, is a numbers game, nothing personal.

"We get a huge number of requests for conferences," Norris said when contacted by media. "We can't fund them all; in fact, we can't fund most of them." Norris said that Alberta Health is doing its part in the fight against AIDS, adding that additional programs are available for those who need them. Alberta Health, he explained, is currently involved in a joint endeavour with Health Canada in a program specifically designed as an Aboriginal AIDS strategy and geared toward First Nations youth. The department is also spending nearly \$1.5 million (1999) on education and prevention awareness programs via numerous

grants to communities and organizations, including Aboriginals.

Despite funding shortages, the AIDS conference went ahead on April 27th as nearly 300 First Nation and Metis participants met in Calgary to discuss their concerns and to listen to health care professionals who are also worried about the future of AIDS awareness and prevention programs. During the two-day conference participants learned that statistic indicate that AIDS is on the rise for Aboriginals who live in both rural and urban settings. As of May 1 this year, the active Aboriginal AIDS patient list in Alberta totalled 623. The Calgary conference opened to the aromatic scent of sweetgrass and prayers chanted by Aboriginal Elders. The two-day event featured workshops and support circles and most in attendance agreed that though the AIDS virus is still as scary today as it was upon its discovery, young people are not taking the AIDS question as seriously as

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Manitoba Métis go to UN over child apprehensions

by Brian Savage

This July the international forum of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations will be presented with documentation from the Manitoba Métis Federation over what federation president David Chartrand charges is cultural genocide carried out by the courts and the provincial child welfare systems.

"It's been a continuing concern in our nation," admits Chartrand. "We've seen no change, in fact, from the '60s scoop and the 70s, where Métis children were being taken from their families and given to non-



Métis families. The only difference we find now is they've stopped giving our kids to Americans."

Incredibly, according to Chartrand, the apprehension rate among Métis families is actually increasing.

"The apprehension rate of Métis children is over 50 percent right now. There is no need for such a high rate," says Chartrand passionately. "If they would work with us in establishing extended families and community we'd be able to keep our own children."

Chartrand says that authorities ask questions after the children are taken, not before, and the justice and child welfare systems are designed to favour those with money. "Our people can't afford lawyers to advocate or fight on their behalf. There's case after case where we're seeing clear evidence that the policies of both systems are really hindering any potential possibility of our families reclaiming their own children."

"I see it as genocide," declares Chartrand bluntly, "a calmer form of genocide that is happening to our people, to our culture. The people ask why are our young people confused, well they're confused because they're lost."

Chartrand says no detailed studies have been done on the young Métis taken away in the earlier decades but for those who do return, now in their 20's, drug abuse and alcoholism are common problems. "Cross-cultural adoptions aren't working," says Chartrand. "There's the odd one that works but still there's the sense of lost identity." The federation knows of one U.S. state where over 300 Métis children were placed, other figures are still unknown.

"I compliment the Jewish child and family services," says Chartrand. "The welfare system would never touch a Jewish child, they'd be referred immediately to the Jewish agency." Not so for Métis children who are apprehended, says Chartrand. "It's very clear they have the full authority to do whatever they want with our kids. We have to put a stop to it. We're losing our people, we're losing our nation, then we're stuck years later with the responsibility, when they're

adolescents or adults, and we're asked for solutions and they're already destroyed.

"It's really hurting us in the family unit and destroying who we are as a nation. I think it's important that we tell the rest of the world. We're recognized in the UN as a nation and its important that other countries come to reflect. The federal government has to send a message to the provincial government that you better make changes, your policies are hurting and killing the Métis."

The statistics are particularly grim. Over 50 percent of Aboriginal children apprehended are actually Métis, says Chartrand. First Nations have child welfare agencies where referrals can be made, the Métis have none. Chartrand feels that it is a simple reluctance on the part of the government to recognize the Métis nation. "With that kind of attitude, the John A. MacDonald syndrome of not recognizing us and trying to kill us as a nation is still alive. The UN can't order Canada to do anything but it can really shame Canada for allowing a province such as Manitoba to treat the Métis people in this way."

Chartrand's frustration runs over when explaining the brick wall the Métis Federation has run into over the years in trying to establish a Métis-specific child welfare agency. Chartrand maintains that this type of agency would spare Métis children the pain of separation from their families and cultures and in the end even save taxpayer's substantial amounts of money. According to Chartrand child welfare paid for 70,000 nights in hotels for apprehended children in the province and operates with a growing deficit, yet Métis foster homes are neglected or shunned by the province. An even more disturbing trend is the cutting of foster rates at the same time the child welfare system puts more children into hotels. Chartrand blames the stereotypical "white picket fence mentality" on the part of the government for ruling out many Métis foster homes.

With the high number of Métis children being taken into custody, "our children are being branded a burden to society, yet if they would allow us to look after our children, allow us to become a mandated agency," argues Chartrand, "we would show the taxpayers that we could save money and at the same time have a more productive and more strongly family-oriented community. It's so hard to fight the system because it's so big (but) if we don't take a stand somewhere our nation will continue in this genocidal process of government."

In the upcoming provincial elections, Chartrand has noted that both opposition parties have promised to sit down with the Métis Federation and discuss setting up a Métis child welfare agency. The ruling PC party has made no comment.

"It's the only hope we have," says Chartrand of the upcoming election, "or the genocide will continue."



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Cree Burn Lake suffers degradation

by Brian Savage

Unless the province acts quickly a priceless piece of Aboriginal history could be destroyed.

According to Phillip Coutu, a co-founder of the Cree Burn Lake Preservation Society, the province has already wasted valuable time in its approval of the area as a Provincial Historic Resource site. As a consequence, the ancient site that shows 8000 years of Aboriginal habitation has suffered irreparable harm by trespassers and recreational all-terrain vehicle (ATV) users.

"In the research we've done we believe Dene and Aboriginal people have site specific rights and we've raised that issue several times with the government. What we've gotten is half measures in terms of the preservation of the site," complains Coutu. "It's laughable. We're not convinced that (Environment Minister) Ty Lund is acting in the best interest of the environment; he comes up with policies that benefit industry and we have that situation here."

"You have to remember," explains Coutu, "that Cree Burn Lake is an archeological site recommended for preservation and interpretation by archeologists because it's a wonderful place to interpret the natural and Aboriginal historic value of the place."

Still, much damage has been done, says Coutu bitterly. "Last year we found someone had put up two stop signs exactly on the historic sites because RV traffic was so busy and those signs are still out there. Last week there were four campers out there on the historic site. As the area becomes industrialized there are less spots to camp and Cree Burn Lake is a beautiful site." Similarly, people are now cutting down the birch trees in the area for firewood, spoiling the beauty of the place, notes Coutu.

With Shell Canada's need for a fresh water intake, Coutu now fears that the water of Cree Burn Lake and its surrounding areas will be exposed to environmental damage by the proposed oil sands development. While the government has given some indication that the area may be given a historic site designation, Coutu cannot help but wonder if the special and delicate ecology of the area may be destroyed by the demands of the huge oil companies and the damage caused by the growing population looking for recreation areas.

"We have a circumstance where the government has preserved the artifacts because they have to, but what about the beauty of the place?"

Coutu is blunt in describing the long government delay in designating the area as a historic resource site as "a scam and a delay tactic" and refutes the claim of the government that they are studying the



feasibility of expanding the area under consideration. "I don't believe Ty Lund ever had an intention to expand the preservation of the site," Coutu notes that people in Alberta Community Development have told him the area will become an oasis amid a sea of development, but the delicate and intricate water supply will be imperiled if major development goes ahead, fears Coutu.

"Environmentalists are going to have to fight for every element, earth, air and water," says Coutu, calling the Alberta government's actions "Third World environmental policies," and expresses great concern that the hydro transportation, needed by Shell and other oil companies, may deplete water resources in a 50 km. area around Cree Burn Lake and in turn devastate the surrounding boreal forest and nearby McClelland Lake wetlands.

"Two special places we're asking the government to preserve in a 50 km region but oil sands are big money," says Coutu.

Though earmarked as a special place 18 years ago, the Alberta government still put a highway through the area, destroying two quarries in the process 20 miles apart area that contained valuable artifacts, an action Coutu feels cannot be accidental.

Similarly, it was a chance finding, a one line remark in a 200-page document prepared by Shell when their lease was up on the land in the early 1990s, that gave Phillip Coutu and his friend, Harvey Scanie, the idea of the importance of the Cree Burn Lake area. "This is a great gathering place of the Dene people," one line in the appendix about the cultural significance of the site. Imagine an archeological assessment of the site without saying the reason the artifacts are piled on top of each other," exclaims Coutu, who also admits that the nearby Ft. McKay band has not been receptive to their efforts fearing a loss of potential jobs in the oil sands, a complication that saddens and frustrates him.

"The reality is there's big money here whether

you're Aboriginal or Metis or White, you're always influenced by jobs and money." If Natives in the area worked together, says Coutu, the area could become another site like Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump but Natives must make the site significant first and there is a cost to that.

Coutu is hoping to host a gathering of Natives and environmentalists on the long weekend in August to promote the beauty and historic qualities of the area. "The only way to preserve the area is through awareness."

Coutu says he has been in touch with the Sierra Legal Defences Fund about pursuing legal action and is building a case for the preservation of nearby McClelland Lakes wetlands, a nesting area for bald eagles and a staging area for whooping cranes, both endangered species who could be imperiled if the wetlands are drained by the oil sands development projects.

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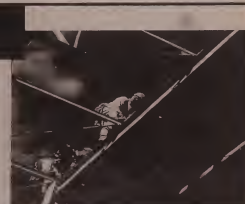
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Alberta's wilderness efforts don't make the grade: WWF

World Wildlife Fund Canada (WWF) has given the Alberta government a failing grade for its lack of progress in protecting wilderness areas from encroachment and development over the last year. The province's second F grade in as many years reflects a situation where Alberta is now at risk of moving backwards instead of forward.

Once again, Alberta has the dubious distinction of sharing the lowest mark in the country with Quebec. Alberta's failing grade on the 1998-99 *Endangered Spaces Progress Report* results in part from the phase-out of the Special Places 2000 Public Advisory Committee and the introduction of a proposed Natural Heritage Act that could lead to ongoing industrial activity in protected areas. Especially disappointing is how the provincial government lost touch with its own



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Hunting and Fishing

Salmon licences signal more problems for Native fishers

by Brian Savage

The Department of Fisheries (DFO) has announced the "voluntary retirement" of 1500 salmon licences in the latest round of cutbacks for the west coast fishery estimated at over \$83 million. If combined with earlier buy back programs, the cumulative cutback initiatives stand at \$187 million since 1996.

"The federal government has certainly succeeded with their game plan," says Fred Fortier, chair of the BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission (BCAFC) who



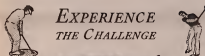
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remembers when the plan was originally discussed when Brian Tobin was the minister of DFO. "My thought then was that they were after the small boat owners, the gillnet sector, and they accomplished getting rid of that sector."

"They implemented the regional plan, dividing BC into three regions so fishermen couldn't go all over the province or the coast. They made sure that those boats couldn't afford to move around."

"They went after the troll sector by allocating the chinook and coho fish to the sports sector after First Nations needs were met."

"They looked at the commercial seine fishery boats and licenses and they reduced some of the older boats but they never reduced the fleet that did the most damage, the corporate fleet."

Fortier says that large corporations have benefited from the buyback program by knowing when companies like BC Packers were going to sell their packing plants and boats.

"A lot of money went to the seine boat operators from the corporate sector. A lot of people are getting out of the business because they don't see a business anymore. It's drastically affected the economy of the coastal communities."

Fortier says it is important that coastal communities retain the small processing plants in order to keep their economic viability. "That's something coastal communities have to recognize: that they have to create their own economies amongst themselves and not send all of their fish to be processed in Vancouver. We have to start looking at how we're going to start benefiting from those local economies, and sell it to those local economies and have those jobs stay there."

Earlier this year the *Globe and Mail* revealed that criticism of the DFO had been deleted from a report entitled *Fishing Communities in Transition*. The report estimated that job losses would be double the figures of 1997: approximately 15,500. The report also

called consultation efforts "token" in the views of coastal communities and found that complaints against the DFO were "legitimate".

"The compelling need for decisive action (is) now," said one part of the edited report prepared by G.S. Gleason and Associates. "People are hurting and the hurt will only intensify as the fall season approaches." Eventually \$100 million was earmarked by the government for extended unemployment benefits, retraining and economic redevelopment for communities. The same amount—\$100 million—has been earmarked for workers in the logging industry and will come from the provincial Forest Renewal Agency following a strategy similar to the aid programs offered to fishing industry workers, says forestry minister David Zirnheit.

This month a group of coastal communities comprised of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups released a report detailing the devastating impact the job loss in fishing, logging and mining industries has had on the people living along the coast. The report echoes the figures of the Gleason study that over 15,000 jobs in the fishing industry have disappeared in just a few years, an estimated drop of 60 percent from five years ago.

Fortier notes that the forest industry used to give money to small logging companies to bid on small business programs which accessed wood. Then the corporate giants got into logging themselves and the money to the small companies dried up as contractors were picked by the corporations.

"It's no different in the fishing industry," observes Fortier. "The corporations used to fund the gear up for nets and moorage costs to a lot of First Nations and independent boat owners. They discontinued that and a lot of small boat owners couldn't afford the \$10,000 start up cost at the beginning of the season, so they deserted them."

"If you have a retirement program, should it be done on the back of the local communities? Could a buyback program be looked at as a tax write-off, so if a corporation wanted a tax write off at the end of the year they could give up a license or a boat and use it as a write off."

Fortier says that idea was advanced by the BCAFC in the past and was aimed at cutting into the massive power wielded by the corporations and at the same time providing more opportunities for local community fisheries.

The ban on commercial fishing will continue this year, Fisheries Minister David Anderson has announced. In 1997 the commercial catch averaged 1.5 million; in 1998 it was 72,000. However, less than a month after announcing the continuing ban, Anderson released *New Directions—Allocation Framework for Pacific Salmon*, indicating the sport fishery would be allowed to increase their catch. Fortier and other Native fishers strongly disapprove of this increase while First Nations allocations are being threatened. The possibility of disrupting the sport fishery if First Nation concerns are not immediately addressed was hinted at in a recent meeting held in Richmond.

"Outcomes must consider the health of all salmon stocks, the long term health of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and a stable resource based fisheries economy," declared Fortier.

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"The program would appeal to anyone who is interested in sewing or design work," says program instructor Margaret Cardinal. "It provides a good background and foundation in all aspects of clothing design and manufacture." Students learn basic and advanced sewing techniques and traditional and contemporary Native motifs and design elements are also emphasized. Students also learn a variety of decorative arts such as beading, moosehair tufting, fishscale art, embroidery and ribbon applique.

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Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club join forces with inner city Aboriginal youth

by Brian Savage

Last summer the Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club hosted five Native youngsters in a week-long camp setting that has officials from both the Saddle Lake organization and its sister club the McCauley Boys and Girls Club excited about the prospects of the camp becoming an annual event.

Tracy Makokis is the director of the Saddle Lake Boys and Girls Club.

"We're hoping to put it on again if we can get the funding; we're constrained by the funding as usual."

Sources for last year's camp-out came from a government grant and money from an endowment fund held by the Boy and Girls Club organization. The endowment can only be accessed once however, says Makokis.

Twelve Native youth came to Saddle Lake for the event last year in addition to the Native children from Edmonton. While at the camp the Native youth got a chance to interact with Native elders, says Makokis, and others from the community who had expertise in various areas, such as hide tanning and the significance given to tipi poles.

"I think (the experience) was really significant for those who participated," says Makokis. "They had no real understanding of what it meant to be Native. It was the most powerful thing for them to say, hey, I have stuff here to be proud of."

Terri Lynn Almeida, community programs manager at the Boys and Girls Club of Edmonton at the McCauley Centre agrees.

For the five children that were sent it was an opportunity, says Almeida, "to participate in things they may have never been exposed to before because they live in an urban environment. For whatever reason, they hadn't been able to connect with their own culture and history."

The cost for each child that came from Edmonton was \$75, observes Almeida. Not a fortune for some but in the inner city that \$75 could mean taking food away from the table or not buying needed clothes or shoes.

"We try to offer subsidies and opportunities for children and parents to volunteer to raise money, so they still learn some sense of responsibility but they don't have to pay [the cost] out of their own pocket."

Activities included hide-tanning, setting up tipis, doing sweatgrass circles, and the opportunity to participate in sweat lodges and a peace pipe ceremony. The youth also got to talk to elders and gain insight into historical information as well as tour the community.



The program was a huge boost of self-esteem for the youth, who Makokis said were eager to learn. "They were very enthusiastic and open to anything that we suggested to them or planned."

Adds Almeida, "It has led us to try to ensure that we continue to provide these opportunities for children, youth and parents within the city."

The McCauley Centre has now established a relationship with elders at Enoch to provide monthly sweatlodges, says Almeida. They will also attempt to have Aboriginal staff available to strengthen the Native connection considering the high number of Native participants in the club's programs. Expanding Native awareness of the Boys and Girls Club is one way to increase even more Native participation in the organization's programs, according to Almeida.

Still, modern times sometimes prevailed, especially when it came to hide tanning. "They didn't like the hide tanning so much," laughs Makokis, "they said it smelled too much."

The program also served as leadership skills instruction for Native youth from Saddle Lake, who gained confidence by helping to plan the activities.

Makokis is cautious about getting the necessary funding for the camp this year but has her eyes set especially high for next year.

"We're planning to apply for millennium project funding. We'd like to look at doing it next year on a bigger scale, where we'd have kids from not just Edmonton but other urban areas. The more the merrier."

Almeida praises the Saddle Lake Club for taking a "leadership role" in creating programs that involve Aboriginal youth and notes that the relationship which started last year between officials of the McCauley Club organization and Saddle Lake officials attending a conference in Toronto has continued to grow.

In fact, says Almeida, the Saddle Lake branch has become one of the most "dynamic" clubs in the country, hosting a national gathering a few months ago with workshops that included sweatshops, drum making, and storytelling.

"A lot of the people in the organization got a feel for the culture," says Almeida, generated by people at a small Boys and Girls Club who are proud of their past and determined to show and educate others about Native life and culture.

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Judge John Reilly will continue to work in Canmore says high court

by John Copley

Alberta Provincial Court Judge John Reilly is known to have spoken his mind a time or two, especially as it relates to how the Canadian justice system treats Aboriginal offenders. In fact, his comments from the bench have often sparked more than words, as they did last year when he called for an investigation into allegations of corruption on central Alberta's Stoney First Nation.

That controversy, among other things, helped his boss, former Alberta Chief Justice, Ed Wachowich, order his transfer from Canmore to Calgary. It was a move Reilly didn't want to make. He fought the transfer and recently won his bid to remain where he is.

In a 76 page ruling presented late last month, Court of Queen's Bench Justice, Blair Mason, sided with Judge Reilly and rescinded his transfer. He refused to allow the judge to be transferred for disciplinary reasons, despite the fact that Judge Wachowich referred to the transfer as necessary for economic and administrative reasons.

Calling the move a disciplinary one, Judge Mason said that it was "merely subterfuge to cast the decision in an administrative context in an effort to disguise that disciplinary action was being meted out."

Saying he was pleased with the decision, Judge John Reilly expounded by saying that in "my view they (Supreme Court Justices) have completely vindicated the position I have taken."

Reilly's lawyer, Calgary-based Alan Hunter, commented by saying that the judgment, "(covered) all the points and is a very strong ruling on judicial independence."

Hunter too, was pleased by the ruling handed down by Judge Mason.

"That judgment, in my respectful submission, says it very well," he assured. "It was very articulate and I can't improve upon it."

One year ago this month, Judge Ed Wachowich,



who retired at the end of 1998, criticised a judgment rendered by Reilly in the Stoney Nation affair when he referred to it as "embarrassing" and "atrocious" and reprimanded Reilly in public for what he called Reilly's obsession with the problems on the Stoney Reserve. He said that Judge Reilly had lost his objectivity in dealing with Aboriginal people and ordered that he be transferred from Canmore to Calgary. Reilly has since been exonerated and remains on the bench in Canmore.

Some Alberta judges, including John Reilly, have considered the effects of residential schools, unfair treaties and social disparity when they pass sentence on Aboriginal offenders. Judge Reilly has spoken on record about these circumstances and has said that it is important to consider historical circumstances when meting out justice.

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they should. Some blamed the lack of government support for the poor attendance at conferences and healing centres.

"In Indian country," said Vera Potts, a worker at the Peigan First Nation's Piikani Health Centre, "we are bringing the awareness out, but government is not recognizing that. They are not putting the funds towards what we are trying to accomplish."

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Supreme Court urges alternatives to Native incarceration

by John Copley

In 1996 the Supreme Court of Canada issued a directive that encouraged judges to seek alternative punishment for Natives found guilty of misdemeanours and other less serious offenses. The court, after a lengthy investigation, concluded that too many Canadians, especially Aboriginals, were winding up in jails, thus causing Canada to have one of the highest incarceration percentages in the western hemisphere. On Friday, April 23, the Supreme Court ordered judges to begin using the 1996 special provision and to consider alternatives to jail.

"Canada is a world leader in many fields, particularly in the areas of progressive social policy and human rights" said the ruling, written by Justice Peter Cory and Justice Frank Iacobucci. "Unfortunately, our country is also distinguished as being a world leader in putting people in prison."

The court also noted that though Aboriginal Canadians represented less than three percent of the population, more than 15 percent of Canada's federal prisoners were of Native ancestry.

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"If overreliance upon incarceration is a problem with the general population, it is of much greater concern in the sentencing of Aboriginal Canadians," said the ruling, that added reasons for the disparity in population versus incarceration numbers.

"The unbalanced ratio of imprisonment for Aboriginal offenders flows from a number of sources, including poverty, substance abuse, lack of education and the lack of employment opportunities for Aboriginal people," continued the ruling. "It also arises from a bias against Aboriginal people and an unfortunate institutional approach that is more inclined to refuse bail and to impose more and longer prison terms for Aboriginal offenders."

But even as the court ordered judges to implement other, less drastic punitive measures for Aboriginals, it warned that the special allowances did not automatically apply and that in the case of more serious crimes, sentencing would probably not differ from those handed down to anyone else who committed the same crime.

An Edmonton defense lawyer, well-known for his success in representing Aboriginal clients, says the order from the Supreme Court is a good one.

"I think it's a very positive development for Aboriginal people," remarked defense lawyer Richard Secord in a conversation with Edmonton media. "It won't have consequences for serious offenses but for the run of the mill cases, courts will be asked to come up with

solutions that don't involve going to jail." He added that the ruling will have a positive affect in reversing an age-old trend that sees many prosecutors anxious to get Natives off the street, even for minor crimes.

"Maybe," he remarked, "in the past we've had a two-tiered system where Natives were treated in a poorer fashion.... maybe now we're getting a one-tiered system."

Though some critics have suggested that the supreme court ruling will give Natives an unfair advantage in the courtroom, legal experts say the opposite is true and that the new ruling will allow for a fairer system of justice for everyone.

The new ruling from the supreme court comes after years of study on why the Aboriginal population, one of Canada's smallest, continually remains among the highest when it comes to doing jail time.

"It must in every case be recalled," said the court, "that the direction to consider these unique circumstances flows from the staggering injustice currently experienced by Aboriginal peoples with the criminal justice system."

Justice Minister Anne McLellan said the government has responded to what they recognize as a high incarceration rate, especially among young people.

"Certainly that's one of the reasons I am proposing fundamental changes to the youth justice system," she remarked. "We are doing a better job of looking at alternatives to incarceration."



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Native activist acquitted of second degree murder

by Ennis Morris

Noah Augustine, charged with second degree murder in the shooting death of 41 year old Bruce Barnaby, is a free man today after a New Brunswick court found him not guilty of the charges brought against him. Augustine, whose face portrayed the first sincere smile he's had since the shooting incident last September, fell into his mother's arms outside the courtroom doors and declined immediate interviews.

Augustine, who defended his case on a self-defence motive, told the court that it was out of fear for his own life that made him pull the trigger last September 19, when Barnaby threatened him during an argument at the victim's home on the Red Bank First Nation. Augustine, a well known Native activist who comes from the nearby Red Bank First Nation, fled to the United States after the shooting, eventually giving himself up to police authorities in Jacksonville, Florida. Also accused of murder was 38 year old Thomas Hadden, who also gave himself up to Florida police. The former Red Bank police constable is still awaiting trial, though it is not clear how the Justice Department will handle his case now that Augustine has been acquitted.

The not guilty verdict was rendered by the five man, seven woman jury, after only two hours of deliberation following a two week trial that heard testimony from numerous witnesses, both professional and character. The verdict brought different responses from the spectators in the court. Barnaby's sister, Carolyn De Wolfe, called the decision outrageous and shouted as she left the courtroom, "I guess it's okay to go around shooting people in this town!"

The 28 year old defendant, applauded by some, jeered by others, as he left the courthouse building, made no comment as he made his way to a waiting vehicle. His mother, Madeline Augustine, said "justice has been served and we are both relieved and happy with the decision handed down by the jury."

Noah Augustine made a name for himself last summer when Micmac First Nations communities



were facing government in a stalemate about the usage of crown land for timber operations. An accomplished speaker and former community worker who specialized in fighting drug and alcohol abuse, Augustine has also participated in numerous activities and programs to combat suicide and poor living conditions on eastern Canadian reserves.

During the trial Augustine told the court that he realized going to see Barnaby that day last September turned out to be "one of the biggest mistakes of my life," but insisted that fear had taken over, causing

him to fire two shots at Barnaby, who was advancing on him at the time. The first shot penetrated the 41 year old's stomach, the second hit him in the head.

"When he was on top of me, pushing my head back," explained Augustine, "I thought he was going to cut my throat. I pulled the gun out and aimed it in his direction. I believe I had no choice."

Crown attorney Paul Hawkins, skeptical of Augustine's story, told the court that he (Augustine) held the gun, therefore he also held all the cards and could have backed away instead of pulling the trigger. The jury disagreed.

The incident began when Augustine broached Barnaby about the death of his 17 year old cousin Darren Augustine, killed last year in an automobile accident near his home. Though the death had been ruled accidental by police, Noel Augustine was convinced that Barnaby played a role in the youngster's death. Augustine told the court that Barnaby's "whole mood changed and he became quite angry." He said that Barnaby jumped him while he was sitting on a sofa, pushed his head back and reached for a hunting knife.

"Everything just happened so fast," explained Augustine. "I just pulled the gun out and shot."

Chief prosecutor for the Miramichi, New Brunswick court, P.J. Venoit, said the crown is considering an appeal of the verdict.

In the courtroom Barnaby was referred to as a career criminal with a past history that included a penchant for violence.



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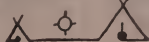
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Treaty 7 lawsuit aims to reclaim land resource rights

by Brian Savage

"I'm the culprit," laughs Treaty 7 Executive Director Gregg Smith in discussing a landmark lawsuit against the federal government. The intent of the lawsuit is designed at gaining financial compensation and possible revenue sharing from the natural resources developed over decades on traditional native territory.

"For many years there have been discussions about our national resources," explains Smith "and the transfer of our land and resources back to the province in 1930. It's becoming more and more apparent that we haven't been sharing in those resources and lands over the years since 1930 other than royalties given to our bands for on-reserve resources.

"We're at the point now where there are a lot of resources required at the community level for our Indian governments to run programs and services. Every time we try to move ahead in many areas we're told there's no money. Our unemployment is still very high (and) we aren't given the opportunity to become involved in resource development within our territory as well as in our traditional

territory, so basically we're telling the Crown they've failed to protect our interests in Treaty 7 territories.

"They transferred those interests without our consent, without appropriate compensation. As well, they permitted the exploitation of our land and resources without our consent or appropriate compensation."

At the moment the case has been filed in federal court but proceedings have been stayed till October. "At that time they will review what processes are taking place in relation to the federal government statement of defence as well as ours and any amendments."

Smith acknowledges that the case is highly important in the potential legal fallout that would occur if the court rules in favour of Treaty 7.

"There's no doubt it's raised a lot of talk," says Smith who has met with federal and provincial officials about starting processes that would allow for corrective action.

"I'm optimistic they'll come to the table before October 11 so that we can extend the stay at the federal court level," says Smith, who feels the province and Ottawa are only too well aware of the impact this case may have.

"I don't have a plan," Smith remarks, "in terms of what we actually want, whether it's resources or a share in those resources. We've suggested that we want resource revenue sharing in ways that create employment, resource development and those kinds of activities that foster economic institutions, particularly at the community level. I don't know how much money it would take to develop that, we still have to go through that process. There are not a lot of jobs for our people in resource development and there are people who want to do it but aren't given the opportunity to get skilled, (and) management jobs."

While Treaty 7 First Nations are the only ones involved in the lawsuit there is political support coming from other Native organizations, such as the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs who may launch their own lawsuits or act as intervenors in the Treaty 7 case.

A prime motivator in the timing of the lawsuit was the new statute of limitations passed by the Alberta government.

"We wanted to avoid that whole issue as well," says Smith. "We know full well the Alberta position in relation to natural resources, they claim ownership of lands and resources — period."

Smith says that industry has been pressuring government to make an accommodation or develop a process to deal in a constructive manner with First Nations concerns, amend just drag it out and think the status quo is doing fine. By all means we'd like to negotiate a process rather than go to court. This is a fiduciary claim and the Supreme Court rulings lately have very First Nations supportive in areas of fiduciary claims."

Smith feels that such a legal challenge was inevitable and notes that Saskatchewan and Manitoba are ahead of Alberta in striking up a process of negotiation with the government and First Nations over natural resources.

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Indian Lakes Golf Course for some good weather fun

by John Copley

The snow is gone, the grass is green and the greens are almost up to par at the Indian Lakes Golf Course, located on the Enoch First Nation just west of Edmonton. The 18 hole course is open for business and the club's new golf pro says he expects 1999 to be busier than ever.

"We're all set to go—all we need is a little sunshine," laughed Andy Fox, the club's new Director of Golf, and a member of the Canadian Professional Golf Association (CPGA).

The Indian Lakes facility is a 10 year old golf course that winds and twists its way through the trees and challenges its golfers without the continuous water traps that seem to be all too common these days. The course, which sits on the north side of Highway 60 just west of the city, is guaranteed to please the most discriminating golfer.

"We've been out on the course for about a month now," remarked Fox during a recent interview, "and everything is looking good. The turnouts have been steady, despite the rainy weather and it already looks like we are in for a busy season this year."

The Indian Lakes Golf Course offers its clients a quiet setting, nestled among the trees, its par 71 course a delight for both the newcomer and the seasoned veteran alike. The clubhouse is nicely decorated and the fully licensed 19th hole offers the weary golfer an excellent food menu that's guaranteed to please the palate after a hot day on the course.

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The new club prois married, has three children and hails from Medicine Hat, Alberta, where he spent the

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The club will host three tournaments this season, one in June and two in July. First underway is the Indian Lakes First Annual Diabetes Awareness Scramble. This one-day event will take place on June 25th. The second, the Annual Enoch Classic, is a two day affair that runs on the 10th and 11th of July. The third tournament, the annual three-day North America Golf Champion-

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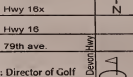
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On May 31, 1999, the original Treaty 8 document will be blessed by Elder Joe T. Willier of the Sucker Creek First Nation at a ceremony to be held at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa.

"This is very important to us, to our Elders," added Davis. "We're travelling to Ottawa for this significant event and we anticipate a safe journey for the document."

Following the signing of Treaty 8 on June 21, 1899, other Cree and Dene from the regions in northern Alberta, northwest Saskatchewan, northeastern British Columbia and a south section in the Northwest Territories signed on as "Adherents" to Treaty 8.

"The centennial not only marks a major historical occasion at the end of this century but it sets out an educational initiative for our Aboriginal youth to learn about their culture, their language and their traditional lands," said Phil Mercedi, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator for the Treaty 8 Centennial Commemoration in a recent interview with *Alberta Native News*. "This historical event creates the opportunity for Canadians to share in the commemoration and learn about the meaning behind Canada's treaties with First Nations and about treaty making processes in general."

As organizers, the centennial committee is finalizing plans for what is expected to be northern Alberta's biggest summer event. The long list of activities includes an array of multi-talented Aboriginal artists and performers, traditional handgames, tea dances, boat rides, trail rides, regional bus tours, a golf tournament and many other activities.

The Driftless Pow-Wow Society is busily coordinating a major centennial commemorative pow-wow with a total prize payout of \$42,000 and expects to draw numerous dancers from across North America and from as far away as New Mexico and Florida.

Treaty 8 is also the subject of an academic conference, symposium and a series of genealogical workshops.

The centennial committee is having a souvenir booklet published which will contain the history of Treaty No. 8, including personal accounts of the treaty. It will look at the value and effects the treaty had among the Cree and Dene. In addition, a commemorative monument will be unveiled at an official ceremony following the grand entry on June 17, 1999.

A re-enactment drama, with a cast of more than 20 actors from the Treaty 8 region, has been especially scripted and produced for this event. The performance



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"Everyone is welcome to share in true northern hospitality and in a once-in-a-lifetime historical event," invites Mr. Mercedi. "Come out and enjoy the celebrations—it's an ideal time to explore the past and to look to the future."

For more information on the centennial activities or to obtain details on accommodations and volunteering opportunities, contact the Centennial offices at (780) 751-2751.



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Comedian Don Burnstick's *You Might Be A Redskin*

review by John Copley

If there's any truth to the adage that to fully understand a culture, one must first understand the humour, you won't want to miss Don Burnstick's debut CD release *You Might Be A Redskin*, an admirable piece of work that's delivered in incredible fashion.

Burnstick, one of Canada's best Aboriginal comedians, hails from Alberta's Alexander First Nation, but makes his home on the road, playing to sold out audiences across the country. The new CD was released just before the announcement of an upcoming tour of the United States and Europe. The material he delivered at a couple of live performances in Edmonton was enough to determine that it was only matter of time before someone recorded him. That someone is the Winnipeg, Manitoba based recording studio Sunshine Records Ltd., Canada's premiere record company. Their newest release, like so many in the past few years, is another winner. *You Might Be A Redskin* lives up to its billing and is indeed one comedy release you won't want to pass up.

Don Burnstick is a certified abuse counsellor who believes that the best medicine comes through laughter and that the best cure comes from healing through Native humour. In fact, his live theatre show, which goes by that very name, *Healing Through Native Humour*, has won him international acclaim and a spot on the Jay Leno Show.

Burnstick doesn't tell jokes about the weather or the politics or the ethnicities. He tells a local brand of humour that pokes fun at some of the harsher elements of living. He also jests about the habits, lifestyles and happenings in Canada's Native communities. His jokes are told with a flair for fun and the laughter he sparks from the audiences that fill the auditoriums to see him indicate that he's getting the job done right.

In his debut CD release, Burnstick, who delivers his material in a manner similar to that of Jeff Foxworthy, has the crowd chuckling with laughter at every joke. His unique story-telling style, accompanied with visuals you'll have to leave to the imagination, is straight forward, pleasing and full of surprises. His materials is subtle, funny and reminiscent and is able to quietly break through cultural barriers. Listening to Don will bring audiences from all backgrounds that much

Don Burnstick

with Delvin (Doc) Buzinooce

"You Might Be A Redskin"

First Nation Humour

closer to his Native culture, and in doing so will help enable others to understand that laughing at oneself is more fun than not.

"If you go to an AA meeting because you have no coffee at home," jokes Burnstick, during one of the cuts on his hour-long CD, "chances are, you're a Redskin. If your wife is a better fighter than you are, if you've ever used snare wire to fix your glasses, if you use a sardine can for an ashtray—chances are you're a Redskin."

Though well known on the entertainment circuit as an outstanding comedian, Don Burnstick is equally well known for his other professional accomplishments, both at home and around the nation. A certified abuse counsellor with a degree from San Diego's National University, Don has also obtained his certificate as an alcohol and drug abuse counsellor from the highly respected Nechi Institute in St. Albert, Alberta. During the past 14 years he has provided holistic education and training services to adults and adolescents, health workers, teachers and family/youth support workers in Métis, First Nations and non-Native communities, schools and wellness centres throughout North America.

You Might Be A Redskin is available at selected music stores across the nation or by contacting Sunshine Records. For information and/or to place an order, call (204) 586-8057 or fax (204) 582-8397. Email can be directed to sunnee@magic.mb.ca. Visit the record company's website at www.sunshinerecords.com.

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